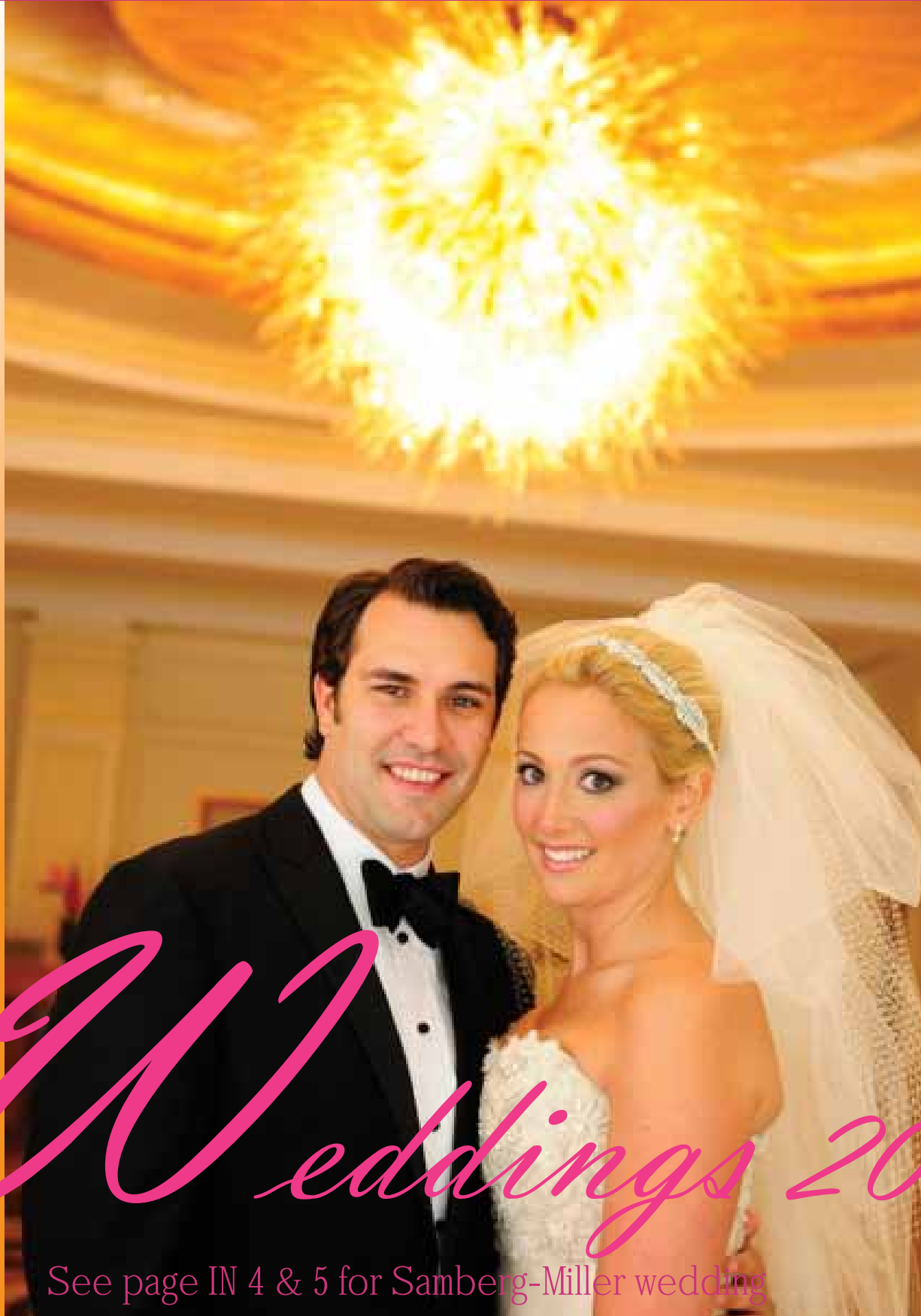


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A journey of the soul

By Cindie Harp

"I have been on a journey of soul investigation for many, many years."

No one tells Connie Schiller's story better than Connie. It is a love story – both between Connie and her husband, Marshall, as well as Connie and Judaism.

"It all started with a fundamental Christian background. I actually read the Five Books of Moses and fell in love with it and then (the teachers) moved us on to the New Testament. They said it invalidated the (Hebrew Bible).

Connie had more questions than ever after her study of the Hebrew and Christian bibles. Because she could not find a teacher who could guide her, she "developed the courage to just lay it aside completely and investigate other methods of attaining spiritual living."

Connie went on to study Native American spirituality and "it was a beautiful thing," but she did not find that completely satisfying in itself. "I still see its beauty. Marshall and I were married the first time by a Native American Shaman. Her name is FireDancer. We had a beautiful ceremony that included me as a Cherokee bride and Marshall as a Jewish husband."

Connie did not stop her spiritual quest after her wedding. "I got involved with meditation, as well as Taoism and Hinduism. I became fully immersed in these teachings. I became a student of Reiki and eventually a master."

It was at this point that Connie received some guidance toward where her path would lie. "When I became a master, I was given a symbol that was a Star of David entwined within two hearts. This was not a physical symbol; it was given to me through the 'ether.' It was made of light and was embedded into my heart."

Spiritual met vocational one day "when a rabbi came walking into my hair studio, The Tao of Hair, in Manitou Springs, Colo. I decided it was time to find out a little about my husband's (religious) roots. I discovered that it contained within it the answers to my questions and far, far more. I started studying and observ-

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In June 2009, Connie and Marshall Schiller had a Jewish wedding at Shaarey Tefilla, under a chuppah Connie herself had made.

Journey

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ing Shabbat. I made a commitment to study and observe and really immerse myself into the teachings. I finally came to the place that I had been prepared for."

Marshall and Connie moved to Indiana at about this time, where much of Marshall's family reside, including his parents, Carole and Arthur Schiller; his brother, Matt Schiller; and sister Deborah Schiller Wallack and her family. (Marshall was raised mostly in Carmel.) Geography did not deter Connie's inner journey. "I started cutting away anything that was not aligned to Torah. Four years after being initiated into the Judaic teachings, I gave birth to my Jewish Soul after many years (if not lifetimes) of its incubation

within my spirit."

In June, 2009, Connie and Marshall had a Jewish wedding, under a chuppah Connie herself had made, at Shaarey Tefilla. Rabbi Arnold Bienstock officiated. It is hard to imagine anyone more thrilled than the mother of the groom, who said Connie walked around her groom seven times, gazing up at him "like every mother wants someone to look at her son."

Connie's Jewish journey remains just that: a journey. Or, as Connie puts it: Now let the real work begin!

"Now, I am a Jewish Woman, and have been for a year and a half... I am barely crawling and yet yearning to fly.... Marshall and I are a Jewish couple, living the life of Torah and loving it."

Cindie Harp lives in Indianapolis. She can be reached at cindie-harp@gmail.com.

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Friends Forever...and they were not kidding!



Pictured here are (l to r) Gale Halperin, Helaine Workman, Rickie Star and Rory Samberg. Jennie Star, Claire Workman, and Blair Samberg all grew up together at Congregation Beth El Zedeck. On Sept. 6, 2009, they all got married! Not to each other, of course. Blair married Seth Miller; Jennie married Russell Colbum, and Claire married Seth Stern. The only downside? Their moms, also longtime friends, were so busy themselves, it was hard to be there for each other! They did manage to take time out this summer for a drink with another friend who also helped out with all the weddings: Beth El's executive director, Gale Halperin.

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*Blair Samberg &
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Blair Samberg & Michael Miller

Blair Samberg and Michael Miller were married at the Conrad Hotel in Indianapolis on Sept. 6, 2009. As a special remembrance of their wedding, they created a seating chart that they framed and hung in their home after the wedding. Even the Honorable Barack and Michelle Obama were invited, they had a prior engagement. However, the couple was delighted that the Obamas sent a lovely card.

Blair included small charms in her bouquet to honor those relatives who could only be with us in spirit on our special day. In lieu of a champagne toast, Blair surprised Michael with a toast embracing her new name. The couple prepared their favorite late-night treat from college as a parting gift for those who still had room for carbs at the end of the evening.

Blair is the daughter of Rory and David Samberg of Indianapolis. Michael is the son of Sheila and Christopher Tucker of Valparaiso. Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso officiated the wedding. Blair and Michael met at IU and currently reside in Chicago.

The beautiful wedding photos found on the cover and on pages IN 4 and IN 5 were taken by Andrew Scalini. He can be reached at 317-726-0575, scalini@comcast.net.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Pink Pajama Party

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JFGI Young Leadership

Sat., Feb. 27. Casual evening of schmoozing and enjoying adult beverages. Location to be announced. For more information, contact Lindsey Geller at 726-9257 or lgeller@jfgi.org.

HHAH Talent Show

Feb. 28, 4 p.m., the students of Hasten Hebrew Academy will show their talent. Funds from this event will go to support the efforts in Haiti.

Yiddish Film

The JCC Yiddish Discussion Group proudly presents *Almonds & Raisins* a film history of the Yiddish cinema (in English), Tues., March 2, 1 p.m. at the JCC Laikin Auditorium, 6701 Hoover Road. Free and Open To The Public.

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For more information contact Larry Rothenberg at 751-9233.

Super Sunday

Save the date — Sun., March 7, at Jewish Federation for phone-a-thon and more.

Shlock Rock Concert

Sun., March 7, at the Hasten Hebrew Academy Cultural Arts Center. Doors open 3:00 p.m. for food service and con-

cert begins at 4:00. Advance purchase: \$12 adults/\$10 children. Door Price: \$15 adults/\$12 children. All the proceeds go to HHAH. Please contact Parisa Keisari (pkeisari@hotmail.com or 295-2480) to find out how you can become a sponsor.

Indianapolis Hadassah

Lunch and Learn

The Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah continues its Lunch and Learn study program of famous American Jewish women. Join them at Shapiro's in Carmel on March 10 to discuss the life of Gertrude Elion cancer researcher and Nobel Prize recipient and on April 14 to discuss the life of Bella Abzug social and political activist. All sessions begin at 11 a.m. For further information call 844-4309 or 257-7142.

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JCC Business Network

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Remarks by

Madeleine Albright

Secretary of state Madeleine Albright (1997-2001) and distinguished American diplomat will speak at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University, 7:30 p.m. March 24. Free and open to the public. Madeleine Albright speaks with humor, insight and eloquence about her life and career as a refugee girl who rose to become the world's most powerful woman. Albright sketches a vivid portrait of her years as secretary of state, and offers candid descriptions of foreign leaders she encountered throughout the world. She also discusses America's role in the world, the effect of strife on the global economy, current regional conflicts, the future of democracy and the challenge of ensuring security and building peace.

In addition to her service as secretary of state, Albright served as the U.S. representative to the United Nations, was a member of the Cabinet and

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YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

By Isabelle Rose Shevitz



do cyber bullying, sometimes a group will gang up on you and randomly start to talk to you all at once. Then they start to insult you and talk rudely to you. This has happened to me before. For my bat mitzvah, some people ganged up on me and told me to invite people I didn't know to my celebration just because they had a crush on that person. Then when I refused them, they got "scary," and started a rumor saying I was stupid for

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Photos by Sonja Clark at Moonbug Photography.

Stella and Asher Rastegar are students at BJE preschool. They are the children of Omid and Jennifer Rastegar.

Dear Mrs. Ruby Bridges,

There are many things wrong in this world and also things that are wrong in a community. In my community, there are a few subjects that I am deeply concerned about. One of the main problems that I am concerned about is racism. Another problem I am concerned about is the bullying in my school.

In most communities you can see these problems, and you wonder when you will see the racism where you live. When I see racism, I wonder, "What made these people say or do all of these horrible things to this person?"

In my community I see many different kinds of prejudice that are directed to different kinds of people. I see it directed to Jews, African Americans, and other ethnicities. Often, I see that at the airport, Arabs and people that look a little out of place are thoroughly searched. I know that rules might be just for the matter of security, so everyone can be safe. People could be separated and then searched without the person being embarrassed.

There are also times when I see an African American sitting down next to someone else, and then that person will try to scoot over to the far end of the seat. Then that person will sometimes turn a little red.

The other problem I wanted to discuss is the problem of bullying in my school. In my school the bullying isn't the kind of bullying you would expect at a regular public school. Instead, the bullying is usually cyber and verbal. When people

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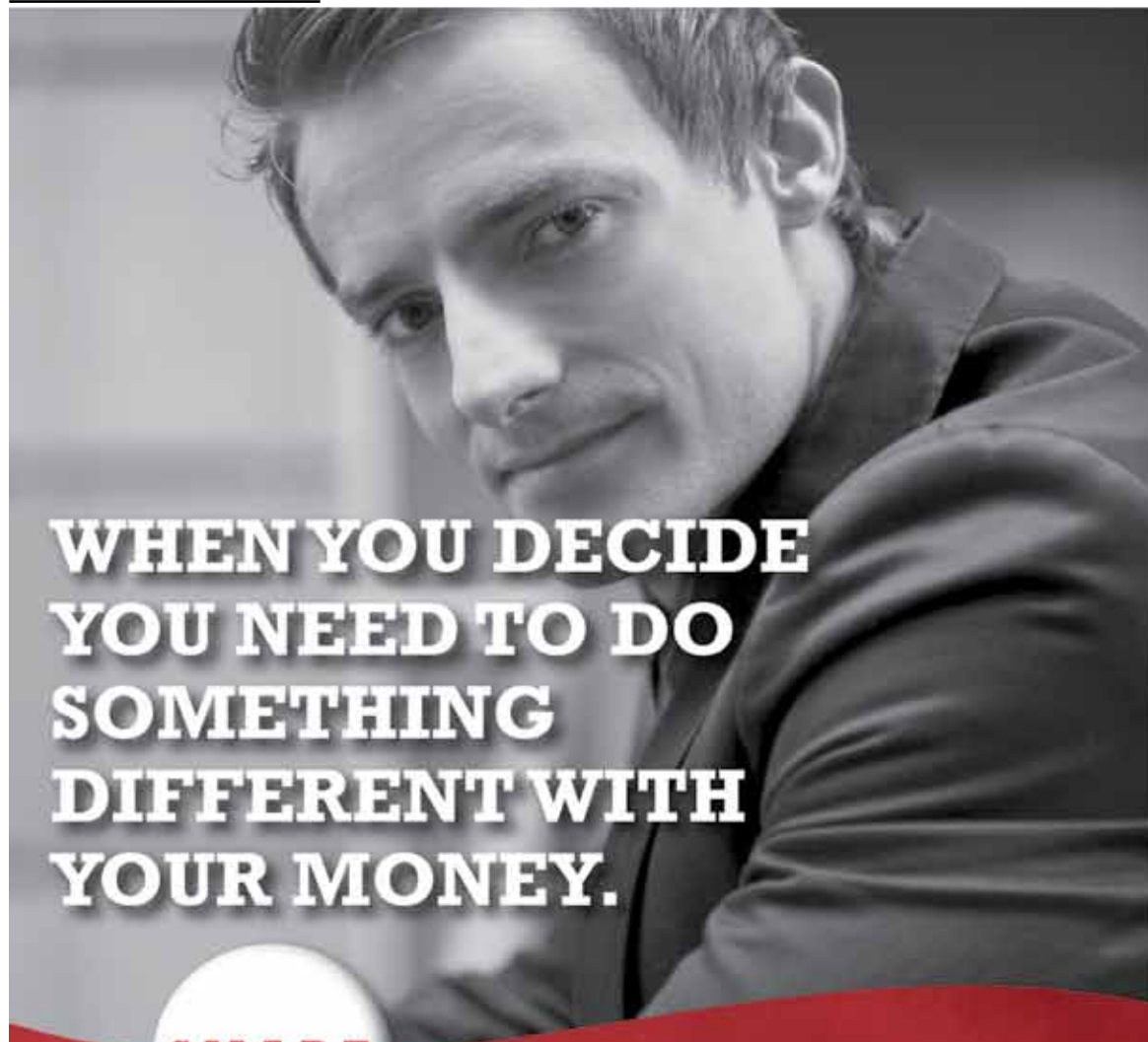
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Alan Nelson

Prior to joining the firm, Nelson lived overseas and was employed by a multinational public company.

A 1992 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Arizona, he received his law degree from the university's College of Law. While a law student, Nelson was named a Dean's Merit Scholar.

Nelson is active in a number of local civic organizations and serves as the vice-

president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis as well as the Finance and Audit Committee of the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center.

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The best present you can give a bigot

By Idelle Rosenbloom/Kerzner

Indiana was at one time a state with the largest Klan membership and presently is without a hate-crime law. I think about these facts when in earshot of hurtful comments by bigots against minorities. But one day, when I walked into an area business and heard one of the owners mock the accent of a person coming from India and then proceed to weave a yarn about somebody "Jew-ing him down," I was irritated more than usual. Maybe because this incident occurred on the heels of the desecration of our local synagogue. Perhaps I felt this "act of terrorism" attacked the very soul of my people who left Europe, due to uncivilized crimes perpetrated against them.

I had already placed a deposit on my purchase when I heard the owner's comments. After some interplay between the owner and myself, the clerk saw I was far from happy and tried to give a hint to the owner about the situation by reminding him of errands to take care of "outside the store."

There are many reasons why individuals spew out hateful comments. Sometimes there is even no bigotry behind it at all; they were simply raised hearing stereotypes and now use them freely. However, I hardly believe in this case that this sort of ignorance was true. I left the store to cool down and think of a plan that would leave an impression. When I got home, the co-owner (informed of the situation by the clerk) called with appropriate apologies and asked what they could do to "make it up to me."

Well a month has gone by, and I finally conjured a response. In the spirit of being hopeful, I am going to assume that the vast array of experienc-

es that led this soul to talk with such hatred can be altered. I hope my words will soften his heart, which in turn, will soften what comes out of his undisciplined mouth.

If this establishment really wants to "make it up to me" for what was said, please consider this: When you want to spread hateful stereotypes that only create barriers between people, remember that you had the experience of knowing a Jew with a big enough mouth who writes freelance articles for multiple publications and had the right connections to pass on the name of your business and DID NOT pass it on.

As you know, in a small town, word travels quickly and a business can be made in a day and broken in a day. You even offered some free services and I still walked away, hopefully breaking the common stereotype that you might believe about Jews...that they can be controlled by their pocketbook.

Will you please remember my gift to you and think twice before belittling a fellow human being? Think of this as a Chanukah present. Our great rabbis teach us to be very careful not to take away someone's *parnosa* (livelihood). I want you to realize this fact and know that it is this sensitive teaching that is protecting you right now.

Maybe the great sages, in their wisdom realized by taking away one's ability to provide for family only creates more bitterness in the world and hardly solves the problem that you harbor from within. It is a common practice not to mention a name in order to protect the innocent...you are far from that. But I will protect your name out of respect for the sensitive soul that one day

you might become. Shalom.

To the people of Wakarusa: Moses Wolfberg and his family are relatives of mine through marriage. Moses was probably the only person of the Jewish faith that lived in your town when he was a peddler and he later established his Wakarusa Department Store in 1907. He enjoyed a prosperous life and business while sharing this life with all of you, and so did his family. What a beautiful example of a lesson of understanding, tolerance, and acceptance. May you continue to be a source of spiritual strength and continue to spread the light of tolerance to others. A very happy and healthy new year to you and yours.

Idelle Kerzner is a 7th-grade reading teacher at Clark Middle/High School in Hammond, Ind. Correspondent and writer for various publications in Indiana. Idelle can be reached at Bailah18@sbcglobal.net.

Shevitz

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not inviting their friends.

Verbal abuse has happened to me before as well.

When I went to a summer camp, I was the only dark skinned camper there, and the kids there would always look at me weirdly. When the kids did this to me, it made me feel sad and very mad. I didn't know what to think at the time, but I couldn't help thinking, "Why would they do this to me?" I, of course, did make friends at the camp, but many people outside my age group wouldn't talk to me. During breakfast, all the kids would just stare at me when I walked into the mess hall.

After a week they kind of stopped staring at me, but I still felt excluded from everyone else except from the girls in my bunk. Even though I had a hard time at social times when the whole camp was together, the kids in my bunk were much

nicer than I expected.

These are the kinds of problems in my life.

Sincerely, Isabelle Rose Shevitz

Mazel Tov to Isabelle Rose Shevitz!

Congratulations to Isabelle Rose Shevitz, grade 8 at Has-ten Hebrew Academy. Isabelle is in Mrs. Sherry Hamstra's class and wrote the composition below entirely at school as part of project developed by the Children's Museum of Indianapolis (CMI). CMI asked several local teachers to submit one letter from a student that shared the student's concerns about today's world. Because of her essay, Isabelle has now gotten to spend a day with Ruby Bridges at the Children's Museum along with 14 other students. Her parents and community are very proud of her. The topic of her bat mitzvah speech is also freedom. Good job, Isabelle!



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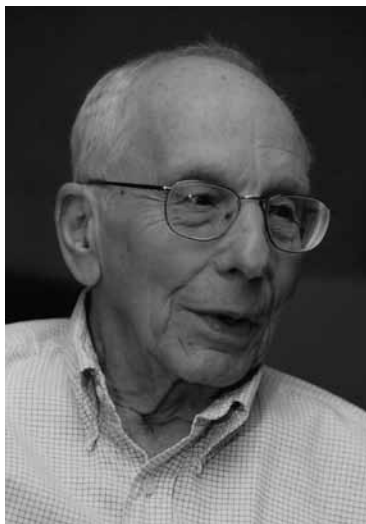
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OBITUARIES

Robert (Bob) F. Romer, 86



Robert (Bob) F. Romer, of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 6, 2010. He was born in Indianapolis Dec. 23, 1923 to Sydney and Irene Romer. As a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, he attended IPS School 70 and graduated from Shortridge High School in 1941. Bob attended Purdue University and Indiana University and then enlisted in the Army.

Bob attended Basic Training and Advanced Training at the Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, VA., where he was assigned to the 56th Quartermaster Base Depot and served with that unit throughout World War II. Bob's military overseas career began in England where he was part of the landing at

Normandy Beach a few days after D Day; he then helped establish a huge supply depot in Cherbourg, France that supplied three armies in the advance to Germany; and finally helped set up a large depot in Giessen, Germany. In 1945, Bob was discharged from the Army and accepted a Civil Service position with the Army in Germany. A year later, he returned to Indiana and graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in Business. He soon joined the family business, The Romer Lighting Center of Indianapolis and Carmel, and served in various capacities, retiring as president in 1988.

Bob enjoyed being a private pilot and aircraft owner for many years and took pleasure in flying with family and friends. He was a charter member of the American Home Lighting Association; member of Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Past President of Kiwanis Club of Meridian Hills. Bob was a lifelong member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Bob met Muriel Tadman while a student at Indiana University and they were married in 1948. Throughout their marriage, they traveled extensively to such places as China, Russia,

Europe, and South America. Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, Muriel; children, Sunny, Steve (Sheryl), and Karyn; grandsons Noah and Aron Oblath; and, brother, William (Joyce) Romer.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to all of the wonderful medical providers and caregivers for their kind and compassionate care, including Dr. Robert Evard; Dr. Jennifer Morgan & staff at the Indiana Cancer Center; Home Instead Senior Care; Seasons Hospice Care; Elizabeth Williams; Denise Johnson; and, Margie and Donald Sanders.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 9, 2010, at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 Michigan Road, Zionsville, Ind., burial followed at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, South Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46260; Kiwanis Club of Meridian Hills, P.O. Box 40761, Indianapolis, 46240; or the Indianapolis Humane Society, 7929 N. Michigan, Indianapolis.

Ruth Fruchter

Mrs. Ruth Fruchter died on Wed., Feb. 10 in Brookline, Mass., where she had been residing. Mrs. Fruchter was the wife of Rabbi Nandor Fruchter, of blessed memory, who served as B'nai Torah's first rabbi at its present location on Hoover Rd. Even after Rabbi Fruchter passed away, Ruth continued to serve as the rebbetzin contributing greatly to the growth and welfare of the congregation. She is survived by son, Larry, of Los Angeles, and daughter, Arlene, of Brookline, and grandchildren. Shiva was observed through Tues., Feb. 16 in Brookline. Condolence calls may be made to the family by telephone at 617-875-5909. The family has requested that memorial donations be made to Congregation B'nai Torah in Indianapolis.

Dollie Schuckit, 93

Dollie Altschuler Schuckit of Indianapolis died Feb. 10, 2010. Dollie was the beloved wife of

the late Ruby, loving mother of Debbie (Marc) Siedband and Bob (Jeri) Schuckit, cherished grandmother of David and Michael Siedband, and Ruben and Leah Schuckit, and the dear sister of Dorothy Nelson, Anne (Sam) Bookman, Bertha (Harry) Friedman, Edith (the late Leon) Moskowitz, the late Honey (the late Harvey) Korshak, the late Jake and the late Lew (the late Ruth) Altschuler. Dollie is survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A graveside service was held on Fri., Feb. 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Anshai Lebowitz Cemetery, 326 S. Hawley Rd., Milwaukee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, 3085 W. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032. Arrangements by Jewish Community Funeral Home, 5820 W. Burleigh St., Milwaukee, WI. 414-447-9999

Leslie E. (Goldsmith) Mears, 61



Leslie E. Mears of Indianapolis died Feb. 17, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer for the past two years. She was born Sept. 16, 1948, to the late Martin R. "Mel" and Rose (Bernath) Goldsmith. Leslie graduated from Broad Ripple High School and attended IU-Indianapolis campus. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Stephen D. Mears; her children, Jennifer Mears Spector and Adam S. (Lisa) Mears; grandchildren, Harrison Mears, Samantha Mears, Ashton Mears, Phoebe Spector and Stella Spector. Other survivors include her mother, Jane Goldsmith; siblings, Jeffrey Goldsmith, Kathy Dugdale, Mark Fineberg (Scott Jefferson), Diane Kauffman,

Daniel Fineberg, Susan Skok; and sister-in-law, Joyce (Fred) Cortis.

Leslie loved traveling and spending time at her Florida home with her children, grandchildren and friends. She will always be remembered for her keen sense of humor and her unselfish devotion to her family and friends. Leslie loved the Colts and was even rumored to have wagered on NFL teams from time to time. She was a founding member of the Traveling Girls Euchre Club, which gave her immense pleasure.

A funeral service was held Fri., Feb. 19 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. Entombment followed at Crown Hill Cemetery.

The family wants to give a special thanks to Dr. Lawrence Einhorn and his staff for their kindness and dedicated treatment over the past two years. Thanks also to the loving people at the St. Vincent Hospice.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dr. Einhorn's Thoracic Oncology Research. Please make gifts payable to IU Foundation/Thoracic Oncology Program and mail to IU Simon Cancer Center, P.O. Box 660245, Indianapolis 46266. Please indicate "In Memory of Leslie Mears" on your gift. Online condolences: www.arn-mortuary.com.

Nathan Edward Hellman



Nathan Edward Hellman died on Feb. 13, 2010, from a stroke. Nathan was born in Houston, Texas, on Dec. 8, 1973. He spent his early years in Houston, San Antonio and St. Louis, and grew up in Duluth, Minn., where he attended Congdon Park Elementary School, Ordean Junior H.S. He graduated in 1992 from Duluth East H.S., where he was the editor

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of the newspaper and member of the math, Knowledge Bowl, basketball and track teams.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Yale University with a degree in molecular biology and biophysics. He received his MD, PhD from Washington University in St. Louis, where he met the love of his life Claire, and then did a residency in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the Basic Science Research Award. Following residency, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to study the molecular biology of cystic kidney disease at the Hospital Necker in Paris. He completed a renal fellowship at Harvard University, where he was on staff as a scientist physician and was board certified in nephrology.

He is the author of numerous scientific publications and creator of the Renal Fellows Blog. He was a kind and compassionate person and physician.

Nathan is survived by his wife, Claire; daughter, Sophie; son, Maxime; parents, Patricia (Gregorich) and Richard N. Hellman, MD; sisters, Susan Jean Hellman and Catherine O'Malley; brother-in-law, Timothy O'Malley; nephews, Henry and James O'Malley; and uncles, Joseph and Robert Gregorich.

Nathan loved ideas, humor, canoeing and camping in the BWCA, biking, backpacking, basketball, comic books, explo-

ration, writing, Eggo waffles, peanut butter and French culture. Most of all, he loved his wife and two beautiful children. He had the rare ability to live life to its fullest and to also chronicle it, a humbleness that belied his brilliance and the ability to form close friendships. He was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother and uncle. Nathan was a rare individual whose untimely death will be mourned by all who knew him. A memorial service was held at the Massachusetts General Hospital O'Keefe Auditorium on Wed., Feb. 17 at 2 p.m., and at a later date this summer in Duluth. We would like to thank the staff at MGH Neurosciences ICU for the excellent and compassionate care Nathan received during his brief and tragic illness.

Jack Aaron Beiman, 87



Jack Aaron Beiman died on Feb. 18, 2010, in Indianapolis. He was born in Chicago Nov. 15, 1922, the only child of Sylvia and Morris Beiman. A graduate of Illinois School of Optometry, Dr. Beiman double-majored in physics and chemistry at the University of Illinois and later delighted in teaching his daughter, Susie, about the natural world. Jack served in the U.S. Army and continued his studies at Texas Tech at their directive. A skilled swimmer, he also played an integral part in the research project, Marine Aquatics, which determined optimal weight capacities for military personnel in the water. Jack received an honorable discharge from the Army after being diagnosed with polio.

In 1948, he married his beloved wife, Inga Thalheimer, who immigrated from Germany in 1940 at the outbreak of WWII. The couple met at Temple Sholom in Chicago. Jack invited Inga to a travelogue, then to the circus, and then he was hooked! They were partners in life and in business until her death in 2000.

They opened their successful optometric practice in Indianapolis in 1950. Dr. Beiman was a respected pioneer in his field.

He specialized in orthokeratology and uniquely challenging patients, and he was the first optometrist in the state of Indiana to fit hard contact lenses in 1953. It was often said: "If Jack Beiman can't fit you, nobody can!" Dr. Beiman was widely published in national optometric journals and spearheaded a Butler University research project on sensory sensitive patients, a subgroup who consistently overreact to medications and sensory stimulation, identified by Jack in the course of his practice. What began as a profession quickly became his passion as well. Combine that with his fun-loving nature and the genuine caring he and Inga had for their patients and that explains the 130 who attended "The Reunion Celebration" gathering five years after he and Inga retired.

Jack was the doctor, and Inga ran the practice, including "Eyewear by Inga." Together, they enjoyed great success in business and in life with their cherished only child, Susie. Jack was a member of the Indiana Optometric Association and the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He loved animals, especially dogs, and was an avid and informed garden-

er. Taught to swim as a young boy by Chicago's Lake Michigan lifeguards, Jack enjoyed a lifetime of lap swimming. He and Inga contributed to their community by supporting the Indianapolis Opera and the Indianapolis Symphony. Jack was a voracious reader who thrived on stimulating discussions about history and politics. Known for his sense of humor, he loved laughter and learning; nature and science. This gentle, loving man was an exemplary husband, doting father and very good friend to many.

Dr. Beiman is survived by his daughter, Susie Beiman of Carmel; his dear companion of the last eight years, Bea Cahn of Indianapolis; and his devoted friend and caregiver, David Hester. The life of this extraordinary gentleman was celebrated publicly Sun., Feb. 21 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Rd. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society online at HIAS.org, by mail to 333 Seventh Ave., 16th Floor, NY, NY 10001, or by phone to 212-613-1438; or to the St. Vincent Hospice. Online condolences: www.arnmortality.com.

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YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

What does freedom mean to me?

By Yosef Chincholker



Freedom means so much to U.S. citizens and is very important to us. We all need freedom so we can reach our full potential. Unfortunately, not everyone always has freedom and even today people still suffer from oppression.

Just a few years ago, in the 1960s, people in the U.S.A. didn't have equal rights. African Americans were persecuted just because of their skin color. They were forced to go to different schools, drink from different water fountains, and couldn't even sit with whites on the bus.

Some of our famous rights are Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Assembly. Without these important rights we wouldn't really be free.

In the 1800s slavery was horrible. Slave owners treated their slaves like dirt, and the slaves did really hard work. For what? To serve the people that they hated so very much. They were slaves from the point they were born to the point they died, and they didn't get to do anything useful with their lives. They just gave their whole lives to their cold slave owners. It continued even into the 1960s, only it wasn't slavery: It was plain abuse.

Whites got better jobs; whites could go to restaurants; whites could go the movies and to hotels. Blacks couldn't do any of that stuff. Blacks were truly in a different, dread-

ful world and people were too cold hearted to do anything about it. People that were racist, such as the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), would terrorize blacks and burn down their homes for no reason. Thank G-d, those problems were taken care of.

There are some very famous African Americans who helped change how it was for African Americans, such as Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks. This abuse continued on for several years until Martin Luther King, Jr., changed it all. King made protests and famous speeches against racism. He fought for an end of this horrible racist abuse. He made a famous speech at the Lincoln Memorial called "I Have a Dream." He was killed at the young age of 39, and it was a very sad time. But after that amazing speech he gave, the United States changed miraculously.

Since the 1800s people have been coming from all corners of the world just to have our freedoms. People from Russia, Germany and Poland came rushing in right after the dreadful tragedy when more than 6,000,000 Jews died just for being Jewish. Also, after communism fell, people came from everywhere, even from the most remote places to have freedom like we have here in America. We have freedoms that they could only dream of.

Thanks to all the people who helped our country develop: the presidents, all the soldiers who died for our country, and all our other heroes who made our country what it is today.

America today is an amazing country with freedom and safety. People are free to roam without any fear. We are a well-developed country, probably the best developed country in the world. Today the



Statue of Liberty stands tall and welcomes newcomers. It resembles freedom, justice, liberty and equality. On the 4th of July, boats come from all over to see the amazing sight of fireworks at the Statue of Liberty.

*Mazel Tov to
Yosef Chincholker*

Congratulations to Yosef Chincholker, grade 6, for being the Hasten Hebrew Academy schoolwide winner of the Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple's Annual National Heritage Essay Contest. Sixth graders in public, private, and parochial schools in Marion and Hamilton Counties submitted essays on "What Freedom Means to Me." Yosef will receive a \$100 Savings Bond from the Sertoma Club for his achievement. Yosef is in Mrs. Sherry Hamstra's class. Good job, Yosef!

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JFGI Super Sunday March 7

If your phone rings between 10 and 12 or 4 and 6 on Sun., March 7, make sure to pick up. Most likely it's a call from a volunteer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, as part of the annual Super Sunday phonathon. Super Sunday is the Federation's largest single fundraiser, which last year raised more than \$250,000 to meet essential community needs.

The Jewish Federation and its extraordinary network of domestic and overseas agencies and partners – all supported by your gift to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign – are stretching their resources to the limit to provide a critical safety net of services. With increasing needs and decreasing resources, we need you to give generously. Locally, your gift supports the Arthur M. Glick JCC, Jewish Community Relations Council, Hooverwood, the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, the Albert and Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center,

and local Hillels.

Federation Campaign Director Margo H. Fox is often asked what happens to donations to the Jewish Federation. "Federation donations turn around to become agency allocations, which in turn brings down the cost of programs. For example, one-third of the total budget of the Bureau of Jewish Education comes from the Federation. Think of how much harder it would be for families to afford a Jewish education if there was no support from the Federation."

Community needs change regularly, and the Federation leads the way in responding. In the face of the economic downturn, the Federation leaders directed money to the Albert and Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center. These funds are used to increase resources for Jewish families in need due to loss of employment. Staff increased the hours of the community social worker and developed employment referral and support services for jobseekers.

Encouraging positive Jewish identity is also a central mission of the Federation. Families can access funding to attend a Jewish camp for the first time. Last year 35 Indianapolis families sent their kids to Jewish camp with support from the Federation, in partnership with the Foundation for Jewish Camp. Another project to enhance Jewish identity has come through the work of Etay Furman, our community Shalich (emissary). In partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Federation brought Furman here two years ago. He has worked closely with youth, particularly teens and college students, to link them to Israel and help them celebrate Jewish life.

Super Sunday is driven by our volunteers. The event co-chairs are Matt Burnett and Carly Turow, with committee members Rachel Modiano, Jennifer Sniderman and Adam Wachter. To help make calls, sign up on the Federation webpage at www.JFGI.org. There are great prizes, all donated by local businesses and vendors. If calling is not your thing, there are other ways to volunteer. You can help assemble emergency packages for seniors or help kids make Passover decorations for Hooverwood. There is something for everyone. If you have any questions about Super Sunday or the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, please call us at 317-726-5450.

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the National Security Council and is the former president of the Center for National Policy. In addition, she teaches at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and is chairperson to the Women, Faith, and Development Alliance.

JFGI Young Leadership Wine Tasting

March 25 – Newcomer Shabbat Dinner and wine tasting at Cadillac Ranch, 39 W. Jackson Pl., downtown Indianapolis, 8 p.m. For more information, contact Lindsey Geller at 726-9257 or lgeller@jfgi.org.

Cinema Israel

Charlie and a Half. Thurs., March 25. One of the most famous Israeli movies that became a cult classic! Charlie's life is rather boring. He's a small-time crook from a troubled neighborhood, making his living through fraud and gambling, together with his young friend Miko. It all changes when Charlie meets Gila, a beautiful rich girl from North Tel Aviv. Charlie tries to conquer her heart, much to the chagrin of her parents. But Charlie has his tricks and Israeli shticks to fool everyone. Will he succeed? (1974) Rated: Suitable for all ages. Runtime: 105 min. All Cinema Israel screenings are at 7:00 p.m. at the JCC Laikin Auditorium, 6701 Hoover Rd.

Cinema Israel

Metallic Blues. Thurs., April 22. Shmuel and Sisso are car

dealers who tell the story of the second generation of Holocaust survivors. On their journey to Germany they try to sell classic Lincoln cars and have to face their joint past, put their friendship to a test and mostly learn about their identity through the Israeli German connection. (2005) Rating: Unrated. Runtime: 90 min. All Cinema Israel screenings are at 7:00 p.m. at the JCC Laikin Auditorium, 6701 Hoover Rd.

Teens go hungry

More than 135 youth groups (over 3,920 teens) in the Indianapolis area will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. They'll be getting a real taste of hunger to help feed and care for children living in extreme poverty around the world. The Indianapolis groups hope to raise \$202,500 and join nearly half a million teens nationwide aiming to donate \$12 million to fight world hunger this year.

During the 30 hours, teens fast, consuming only liquids, for 30 hours to experience what the poorest children and families face every day. The Indianapolis youth will also perform hands-on community service projects during the Famine weekend in order to make a difference in their own community. Teens participate in groups through churches, schools, youth groups and civic organizations.

Now in its 19th year, World Vision's 30-Hour Famine raises awareness and money to fight hunger both overseas and in the United States. This year a portion of the proceeds will go to Haiti to help with long-term recovery needs such as food for children, HIV-positive mothers and other adults, planting of fruit trees, small-scale drip irrigation, construction of eight new clinics (serving 55,000) as well as a new pharmacy.

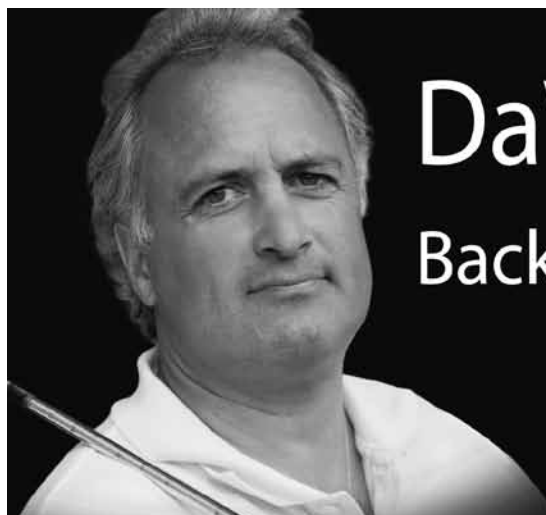
This all happens on Fri., Feb. 26 and Sat., Feb. 27, 2010. For group and service project information, contact Lauren Wilkie at 708-434-5006 or lauren@wilkspr.com. Additional information about the 30-Hour Famine can be found online at www.30hourfamine.org.

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National News

Bat Mitzvah Project

Granddaughter of JP&O columnist Jean Herschaft, z”l, raises money for Yad Layeled



To celebrate her bat mitzvah, 12-year-old Miriam Herschaft chose a special project: raising money for Yad Layeled, a Holocaust museum for children in Israel's Western Galilee region. Miriam collected more than \$2,800. The director of Yad Layeled, Anat Carmel, recently announced that the funds would be used to organize a camp project called "People and Places in Western Galilee," bringing together 100 children from the town of Sderot to Yad Layeled. There, they will also construct sites and fly them in the spirit of Janusz Korczak.

Korczak, the pen name of a Polish-Jewish author born as Henryk Goldszmit, was only in his teens when he became his

family's sole bread winner. He was also a pediatrician who created a Jewish orphanage in Warsaw – a kind of children's "republic" with its own small parliament, court, newspaper and radio station. When the Nazis deported hundreds of the Jewish children, he refused offers to be "saved" in order to accompany them and try to protect them. Korczak was never heard from again but is believed to have died with his orphans in a gas chamber at Treblinka.

Korczak was a pioneer educator who believed that each child can forge his or her own path and the role of a parent or a teacher is not to impose their ideas on children but to help them achieve their own goals.

Miriam chose this mitzvah project after she heard that Hamas wouldn't let the United Nations schools in Gaza teach their students about the Holocaust, which the terrorist group says was a lie spread by Zionists. That aggravated her and spurred her to choose a Holocaust-related mitzvah project. Miriam believes that when children learn about the Holocaust, the experience not only teaches them not only that more than 1 million children were killed in the Holocaust, but it also brings them closer to their grandparents' generation.

Miriam's grandmother, Jean Herschaft, passed away six years ago after devoting four decades to the Indiana-based *Jewish Post & Opinion*, where

she was a columnist and reporter about Jewish-linked subjects.

Miriam also loves writing and still cherishes her memories of her grandmother – including an article Jean Herschaft had written for the paper rejoicing over the girl's birth.

Miriam was bat mitzvah at Temple Beth Shalom, a Conservative shul in Fair Lawn, N.J. She's the daughter of Tamar and Randy Herschaft, sister of Michael and granddaughter of Jacques Herschaft. Her grandmother, Sima Berkovits, flew in from Israel especially to be present at the bat mitzvah.

Miriam explains why she didn't just send the money to the museum, but rather asked that the

children from Sderot be included in the project: "I think that taking the children from Sderot, where they are being attacked with rockets fired from Gaza pretty much every day, is even more meaningful than just sending money to Yad Layeled. That way, they see how much worse life can get, and that horrible historic reality gives them the opportunity to reflect on the significance of their own identity and responsibility as Jews today."

The Herschaft family is planning a trip to Israel this summer, hoping that Miriam will be able to participate in this camp – making the trip even more meaningful, both as a spiritual and learning experience.

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